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APPLICATION FOR U.S. PATENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor or Application Identifier:

Stephen J. Turner, et al.

Entitled:

OBJECT-BASED COMPUTER SYSTEMS

Enclosed are:

- X Specification (65 Total Pages)
- X Drawing(s) (28 Total Sheet(s) of Formal X Informal)
- X Drawing(s) (38 Total Sheet(s) of Substituted Formal Drawings)
- X Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 Total Page)

Revocation of Attorney and Appointment of New Attorneys (4 Total Pages)

- Newly executed (original or copy)
- X Copy from a prior application

(for continuation/divisional only)

X The prior application was assigned of record to Sterling Software, Inc., a Delaware corporation, to Texas Instruments Limited, a British company, by an assignment from Steven J. Turner and William E. Gibson at Reel 9220, Frames 0657-0661 in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records on June 4, 1998 and then to Texas Instruments Incorporated, a Delaware corporation, by an assignment from Texas Instruments Limited at Reel 9220, Frames 0508-0513 in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records on June 4, 1998 and then to Texas Instruments Incorporated, a Delaware corporation, by an assignment from Patrick M. Hogan at Reel 9262, Frames 0517-0518 on June 23, 1998 and then to Sterling Software, Inc., a Delaware corporation, by an assignment from Texas Instruments Incorporated, a Delaware corporation, at Reel 9378, Frames 0901-0905 on August 11, 1998.

| | Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) PTO-1449 |
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| | Copies of IDS Citations. |

- X Preliminary Amendment (8 pages)
- X Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail No.: EL759174411US (1 page);
- X Return Receipt Postcard
- X Other Letter to Official Draftsman (2 pages) with attached formal drawings (38 pages)

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Applicant is:

X Large Entity

_ Small Entity

- _ Small Entity Statement enclosed
- _ Small Entity Statement filed in prior application.

Status still proper and desired.

The accompanying application is:

Original

X Continuation __ Divisional __ Continuation-In-Part (CIP) of prior application No. 08/845,583, filed April 25, 1997 which is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

| | FEE | | | | |
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| | Number | - | Number Extra | Rate | Basic Fee |
| | | | | | \$ 710.00 |
| Total Claims: | 25 | -20 = | 5 | X \$18 = | \$ 90.00 |
| Independent Claims | 4 | - 3 = | 1 | X \$80 = | \$ 80.00 |
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X Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$880.00 satisfy filing fee requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted, BAKER BOTTS L.L.P. Attorneys for Applicant

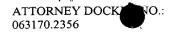
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I hereby certify that the attached Filing Fee Transmittal (2 pages), Patent Application (65 pages), Formal Drawings (38 pages), Informal Drawings (28 pages), Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages), a check in the amount of \$880.00, Revocation of Attorney and Appointment of New Attorneys (4 pages), Preliminary Amendment (8 pages), Letter to Official Draftsman (2 pages with 38 attached references) and a Baker Botts, L.L.P. return receipt postcard (1 card) are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on this 6th day of March, 2001, addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSMAN

Applicants respectfully request the Official Draftsman to replace the informal drawings submitted with the patent application filed on April 25, 1997, as referenced above, with the newly submitted formal drawings.

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REMARKS

Applicants request approval of the new formal drawings. It is submitted that no new matter is added by these new drawings.

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